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FOR BROWN FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AS YOU KNOW, CONGRESSMAN NEDZI WILL NOT BE CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GIEREK. WE HAVE LOOKED AGAIN AT THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING SUCH A MESSAGE TOGETHER, EITHER WRITTEN OR ORAL, AND HAVE FOUND THAT, GIVEN THE TIME AVAILABLE, IT WOULD NOT BE A SIGNIFICANT MESSAGE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVED WE COULD NOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE GIVE NEDZI AN INSUBSTANTIAL MESSAGE.

2. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT YOU TELL THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE CONTACTS (OR WHOEVER IS APPROPRIATE) THAT UNFORTUNATELY A MISTAKE WAS MADE (YOU MAY ADD THAT IT WAS NOT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT) IN STATING THAT CONGRESSMAN NEDZI WOULD HAVE A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR GIEREK; THAT HAVING IN MIND THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT MESSAGE
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TO GIEREK CONVEYED BY SECRETARY BERGLAND THERE IS NO SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE OR JUSTIFY ANOTHER MESSAGE AT THIS TIME; THAT CONGRESSMAN NEDZI WOULD OF COURSE BE HONORED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON THE FIRST SECRETARY; BUT THAT WE DID NOT WISH TO MISLEAD THE POLISH SIDE ON THE REASON FOR OUR REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FIRST SECRETARY.

3. WE HAVE NOT TALKED TO NEDZI ABOUT THIS. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU SHOULD GO OVER THE WHOLE MATTER WITH HIM, BY ALL MEANS DO SO AND EXTEND OUR PROFOUND APOLOGIES FOR THIS BUREAUCRATIC FOUL-UP. WE FRANKLY BELIEVE THAT THE POLES, WHEN THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE VERY RECENTLY, WILL APPRECIATE OUR HONESTY AND OUR CONSIDERATION IN PERHAPS SAVING GIEREK TIME (IF HE DECIDES NOT TO SEE NEDZI, WHICH IS NOT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION). VANCE

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